# Passing the Test (Joseph)
## *Part 1 - The Test of All Kinds of Trouble*

**Series theme:** When you pass a test, you become stronger.

*If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!* **Proverbs 24:10**

Today's message: **When you face all kinds of trouble, pass the test!**

<u>Trouble Joseph faced:</u>

## 1. Trouble at <u>Home</u>

*³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.* **Genesis 37:3-4**

## 2. Trouble of <u>His</u> <u>Own</u> <u>Making</u>

*This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.* **Genesis 37:2**

*Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.* **Genesis 37:5**

## 3. Trouble at <u>Work</u>

*²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.* **Genesis 37:26-28**

*Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.* **Genesis 39:20**

## 4. Trouble with <u>Temptation</u>

*…Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" ⁸ But he refused… ⁹ "My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.* **Genesis 39:6-10**

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